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TEXAS
Labor Market Review

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JOBLESS RATE INCREASES

The Texas actual unemployment rate rose moderately in November, following a sharp downturn in October. The actual rate climbed from 7.4 percent in October to 7.9 percent in November, as an additional 55,300 Texans were seeking work, pushing the total up to 673,500 at mid-month. Although unemployment was up over the month, the current rate of 7.9 percent was still much lower than the year-ago rate of 8.8 percent. Much of the increase in joblessness over the month was the result of people entering the labor market to seek Christmas work, as a relatively small number of Holiday jobs had been opened by mid-November.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	120,611.0	120,743.0	118,623.0
Unemployment	6,802.0	6,845.0	7,872.0
Percent Unemployed	5.6	5.7	6.6
Total Employment	113,809.0	113,898.0	110,751.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	120,616.0	120,361.0	118,675.0
Unemployment	7,116.0	7,174.0	8,243.0
Percent Unemployed	5.9	6.0	6.9
Total Employment	113,500.0	113,187.0	110,432.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,568.8	8,409.4	8,276.1
Unemployment	673.5	618.2	731.3
Percent Unemployed	7.9	7.4	8.8
Total Employment	7,895.3	7,791.2	7,544.8
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,573.0	8,390.0	8,301.0
Unemployment	725.0	653.0	793.0
Percent Unemployed	8.5	7.8	9.6
Total Employment	7,848.0	7,737.0	7,508.0

Total employment rose considerably over the month in the actual series, to an estimated 7,895,300 in mid-November -- well above its November 1986 level. The State's unemployment rate in the seasonally adjusted series also rose, from 7.8 percent in October to 8.5 percent in November, but was also below the November 1986 seasonally adjusted rate of 9.6 percent. In contrast to Texas, the U. S. unemployment rates in both series slid downward over the month, with the seasonally adjusted rate declining from 6.0 to 5.9 percent and the actual rate edging from 5.7 to 5.6 percent in November -- the lowest levels the Nation has seen since 1979.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS COUNT RISES MODERATELY

Following two months of strong job growth due primarily to seasonal hiring in schools, Statewide nonagricultural wage and salary employment recorded a relatively small increase between October and November 1987, adding 15,000 jobs. In mid-November, there were an estimated 6,582,800 nonfarm salaried jobs in Texas, up 45,900 from the year-ago total.

Although most of the auxiliary staffing in education occurred in September and October, later-than-usual hiring within local and state schools once again generated the largest number of jobs in November, pushing government up by 7,900 over the

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	50,900	50,600	50,100	79,000	78,900	78,700	358,600	359,100	363,600
Manufacturing	4,700	4,700	4,900	9,600	9,600	9,900	39,700	39,700	40,200
Mining	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,200	1,200	1,300	900	900	1,000
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,300	4,200	4,300	4,200	19,000	19,100	22,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,500	5,700	5,700	6,000	10,900	10,900	11,200
Trade	14,400	14,300	14,000	23,900	23,700	23,400	79,900	79,600	82,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,300	4,200	4,300	24,800	25,000	25,700
Services & Misc.	13,400	13,400	13,200	16,400	16,500	16,300	83,800	84,300	83,600
Government	8,700	8,500	8,300	13,700	13,700	13,300	99,600	99,600	97,300
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	128,600	128,100	129,200	57,900	57,700	56,800	64,300	64,100	65,700
Manufacturing	24,100	24,100	25,100	15,000	15,100	15,200	9,300	9,400	9,700
Mining	1,700	1,600	1,500	1,300	1,300	1,200	--	--	--
Construction	7,400	7,300	7,500	6,000	5,800	5,900	2,500	2,500	2,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,400	9,400	9,600	2,300	2,200	2,200	3,000	3,000	3,200
Trade	31,900	31,600	32,100	11,100	11,100	11,000	17,200	17,100	17,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,600	2,100	2,100	2,000	3,400	3,300	3,300
Services & Misc.	28,300	28,400	27,500	8,200	8,300	7,800	13,700	13,700	13,500
Government	20,300	20,200	20,300	11,900	11,800	11,500	15,200	15,100	15,400
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	49,700	49,300	51,700	126,800	126,900	128,400	1,310.1	1,308.7	1,334.4
Manufacturing	3,000	3,000	2,800	11,400	11,500	11,600	223.9	222.9	225.0
Mining	900	900	800	5,300	5,300	6,400	18.8	18.8	19.1
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,000	7,200	7,200	8,300	58.9	60.2	74.1
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,600	6,900	7,000	7,100	87.3	87.2	86.8
Trade	11,000	10,900	11,100	33,900	33,600	34,100	354.4	352.1	360.8
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700	6,700	6,700	6,800	128.9	129.0	133.5
Services & Misc.	8,100	8,000	7,700	27,600	27,700	26,900	289.1	290.4	286.4
Government	21,300	21,100	24,000	27,800	27,900	27,200	148.8	148.1	148.7
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	186,200	186,200	184,300	519,200	520,300	513,400	68,400	69,300	69,500
Manufacturing	35,800	36,200	35,200	117,400	117,700	114,800	8,900	9,000	8,800
Mining	--	--	--	3,300	3,300	3,400	400	400	500
Construction	9,500	9,300	9,800	28,300	28,900	29,600	2,900	3,200	3,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,000	10,000	10,100	28,300	28,200	27,200	4,100	4,300	4,700
Trade	46,000	45,700	45,600	134,000	134,000	137,200	13,500	13,600	13,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,900	9,900	9,800	28,600	29,000	28,400	4,200	4,300	4,600
Services & Misc.	35,800	35,700	35,300	114,200	114,500	109,600	13,300	13,400	12,900
Government	39,200	39,400	38,500	65,100	64,700	63,200	21,100	21,100	20,700

month. The bulk of the growth was in the local government sector, within city and county schools, where 6,400 jobs were created.

Seasonal factors were also responsible for the over-the-month increase of 4,400 in trade, as a portion of the additional personnel needed for the Holidays were hired. The majority of those jobs were added in general merchandise stores and in apparel and accessory stores. These gains were partially offset by a seasonal loss of 1,300 jobs among automotive dealers and service stations which was the largest decline in trade in November.

Transportation and public utilities rose by 2,100 mainly on the strength of a large upsurge in water transportation, as business activity along the coastal region accelerated. The other sectors of this industry group recorded either very small increases or no change from October to November. Employment in mining was virtually unchanged over the month, gaining only 200 jobs.

Construction continued its downturn in November, cutting an additional 2,500 jobs. One-fifth of the employment which existed in construction at its peak level in July 1985, or 93,000 positions, have been lost during the past 2½ years. The decrease over the month was the largest recorded by any industry sector.

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Industry	Nov.'87*	Oct.'87**	Nov.'86**
HOUSTON 2/			
TOTAL	1,385.7	1,385.3	1,384.8
Manufacturing	153.0	153.1	148.3
Mining	64.4	64.5	65.2
Construction	82.0	83.9	87.6
Trans., Comm., & Util.	90.5	90.3	92.7
Trade	352.8	350.0	360.4
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	95.3	95.6	100.3
Services & Misc.	355.6	356.8	340.6
Government	192.1	191.1	189.7
LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			
TOTAL	64,600	64,400	65,500
Manufacturing	15,100	15,000	14,900
Mining	3,600	3,600	3,600
Construction	2,800	2,800	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	17,000	17,000	17,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	2,900	3,400
Services & Misc.	11,600	11,500	11,500
Government	8,500	8,500	8,400
MIDLAND			
TOTAL	44,400	44,300	44,600
Manufacturing	2,800	2,900	3,100
Mining	9,200	9,100	9,000
Construction	1,600	1,600	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,200
Trade	10,900	10,800	10,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,900
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,800	8,600
Government	6,300	6,300	6,400
SAN ANTONIO			
TOTAL	499,900	497,900	497,300
Manufacturing	46,700	46,400	47,600
Mining	2,500	2,500	2,600
Construction	31,100	31,100	33,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,000	18,100	18,100
Trade	132,500	132,400	131,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	39,200	39,200	38,900
Services & Misc.	118,700	118,400	116,100
Government	111,200	109,800	109,600
TYLER			
TOTAL	59,700	59,700	61,600
Manufacturing	10,900	10,900	11,200
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,800
Construction	2,500	2,500	2,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,700
Trade	15,900	16,000	16,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,700
Services & Misc.	13,200	13,200	13,700
Government	9,100	9,000	8,900
WICHITA FALLS			
TOTAL	50,200	50,200	50,100
Manufacturing	7,900	7,900	8,100
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,000
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	12,600	12,500	12,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	11,200	11,200	11,100
Government	9,500	9,600	9,500

Industry	Nov.'87*	Oct.'87**	Nov.'86**
KILLEEN-TEMPLE			
TOTAL	69,300	68,800	68,600
Manufacturing	8,500	8,600	8,500
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,800	3,700	3,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,800
Trade	16,600	16,200	16,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	2,900	3,000
Services & Misc.	14,400	14,400	13,900
Government	20,400	20,300	19,900
LUBBOCK			
TOTAL	92,000	91,500	91,700
Manufacturing	7,500	7,400	7,400
Mining	300	300	300
Construction	2,600	2,700	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,600	4,500	4,600
Trade	28,600	28,500	28,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,400	5,500
Services & Misc.	21,000	20,800	20,800
Government	22,000	21,900	21,500
ODESSA			
TOTAL	44,900	44,900	44,000
Manufacturing	3,700	3,700	3,700
Mining	6,800	6,800	6,100
Construction	2,400	2,300	2,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,200
Trade	13,400	13,300	13,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,300	7,200
Government	7,600	7,700	7,500
SHERMAN-DENISON			
TOTAL	38,300	38,300	38,300
Manufacturing	11,300	11,300	11,100
Mining	100	100	200
Construction	1,700	1,700	1,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	8,700	8,700	8,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,500
Services & Misc.	7,900	7,900	7,500
Government	5,100	5,100	5,200
VICTORIA			
TOTAL	28,200	28,200	28,300
Manufacturing	3,100	3,200	3,000
Mining	1,800	1,800	1,800
Construction	1,900	1,900	1,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,400	1,400	1,500
Trade	8,000	7,900	8,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500
Services & Misc.	5,900	5,900	6,000
Government	4,600	4,600	4,500

Industry	Nov.'87*	Oct.'87**	Nov.'86**
LAREDO			
TOTAL	35,800	35,500	35,100
Manufacturing	1,900	1,800	1,800
Mining	2,300	2,300	1,700
Construction	1,300	1,200	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,200	4,100	4,000
Trade	9,900	9,900	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	6,100	6,100	6,000
Government	8,500	8,500	8,300
MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			
TOTAL	92,200	91,300	87,900
Manufacturing	13,800	13,300	12,200
Mining	900	900	1,200
Construction	4,300	4,300	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,800
Trade	26,200	26,000	25,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,800	3,700	4,000
Services & Misc.	14,100	14,100	13,700
Government	26,200	26,100	23,700
SAN ANGELO			
TOTAL	37,200	37,000	37,000
Manufacturing	5,900	5,900	6,000
Mining	600	600	600
Construction	1,700	1,700	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,200
Trade	9,600	9,400	9,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	7,900	7,900	7,600
Government	6,700	6,700	6,600
TEXARKANA			
TOTAL	45,400	45,300	45,400
Manufacturing	7,200	7,300	7,200
Mining	--	--	--
Construction	1,500	1,500	1,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,700	1,700	1,800
Trade	11,400	11,300	11,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	9,200	9,200	9,100
Government	12,500	12,400	12,700
WACO			
TOTAL	78,900	79,100	79,700
Manufacturing	14,700	15,000	15,400
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,900	3,800	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,400	3,400	3,500
Trade	19,600	19,400	19,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,800	4,800	4,800
Services & Misc.	19,800	20,000	19,900
Government	12,600	12,600	12,600

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Nov. 1987*	Oct. 1987**	Nov. 1986**	Change From Oct. 1987	Change From Nov. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,582,800	6,567,800	6,536,900	15,000	45,900
Manufacturing	978,400	974,400	947,900	4,000	30,500
Durable Goods	568,800	566,500	548,400	2,300	20,400
Lumber & Wood Products	36,200	36,700	36,700	-500	-500
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	7,000	7,200	0	-200
Furniture & Fixtures	18,500	18,400	17,500	100	1,000
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,700	44,800	45,800	-100	-1,100
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	19,000	19,200	20,700	-200	-1,700
Primary Metal Industries	29,300	28,800	28,100	500	1,200
Fabricated Metal Industries	75,900	75,600	73,900	300	2,000
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	37,700	37,800	38,000	-100	-300
Machinery, Except Electrical	107,500	106,900	103,600	600	3,900
Oil Field Machinery	24,900	24,600	23,800	300	1,100
Electric & Electronic Equipment	124,600	123,900	119,600	700	5,000
Transportation Equipment	94,800	94,900	86,900	-100	7,900
Aircraft & Parts	53,900	53,700	49,500	200	4,400
Instruments & Related Products	22,600	22,200	21,900	400	700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,700	13,300	13,400	400	300
Nondurable Goods	409,600	407,900	399,500	1,700	10,100
Food & Kindred Products	99,900	100,200	97,600	-300	2,300
Meat Products	29,000	29,100	27,300	-100	1,700
Dairy Products	5,000	4,900	4,900	100	100
Bakery Products	11,400	11,300	11,300	100	100
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Textile Mill Products	4,200	4,300	4,100	-100	100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	52,300	51,600	49,900	700	2,400
Paper & Allied Products	24,800	24,500	23,200	300	1,600
Printing & Publishing	77,400	76,600	76,800	800	600
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,500	38,000	38,400	500	100
Chemicals & Allied Products	73,800	74,000	73,600	-200	200
Petroleum & Coal Products	32,800	32,800	33,600	0	-800
Petroleum Refining	29,500	29,500	30,300	0	-800
Leather & Leather Products	8,000	7,900	7,200	100	800
Other Nondurable Goods	36,400	36,000	33,500	400	2,900
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,604,400	5,593,400	5,589,000	11,000	15,400
Mining	194,300	194,100	191,500	200	2,800
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,100	10,200	10,500	-100	-400
Oil & Gas Extraction	184,200	183,900	181,000	300	3,200
Construction	365,900	366,400	392,500	-2,500	-26,600
Transportation & Public Utilities	385,600	383,500	374,900	2,100	10,700
Railroad Transportation	20,700	20,700	21,600	0	-900
Transportation, Except Railroads	204,200	202,400	190,900	1,800	13,300
Transportation by Air	57,900	57,800	50,700	100	7,200
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	84,800	84,800	85,600	0	-800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,900	75,600	76,800	300	-900
Electric Services	41,700	41,500	42,800	200	-1,100
Gas Production & Distribution	26,900	26,900	26,900	0	0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,674,900	1,670,500	1,684,900	4,400	-10,000
Wholesale Trade	412,100	412,900	418,500	-800	-6,400
Retail Trade	1,262,800	1,257,600	1,266,400	5,200	-3,600
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,100	43,400	45,300	-300	-2,200
General Merchandise Stores	180,500	178,000	173,400	2,500	7,100
Food Stores	235,100	234,900	236,000	200	-900
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	130,600	131,900	135,800	-1,300	-5,200
Apparel & Accessory Stores	78,100	76,600	84,400	1,500	-6,300
Eating & Drinking Places	403,900	403,400	398,800	500	5,100
Other Retail Trade	191,500	189,400	192,700	2,100	-1,200
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	434,700	435,700	442,800	-1,000	-8,100
Banking	95,300	95,500	100,800	-200	-5,500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	136,400	136,600	135,900	-200	500
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	203,000	203,600	206,100	-600	-3,100
Services	1,383,200	1,383,300	1,366,000	-100	17,200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	84,600	84,300	85,300	300	-700
Personal Services	82,000	82,300	81,200	-300	800
Business & Repair Services	361,200	361,600	366,500	-400	-5,300
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	50,000	50,300	51,300	-300	-1,300
Health Services	392,800	392,900	374,600	-100	18,200
Educational Services	78,500	77,900	73,000	600	5,500
Other Services & Miscellaneous	334,100	334,000	334,100	100	0
Total Government	1,165,800	1,157,900	1,136,400	7,900	29,400
Total Federal Government	193,500	193,300	192,100	200	1,400
Total State Government	256,600	255,300	243,600	1,300	13,000
Total Local Government	715,700	709,300	700,700	6,400	15,000

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,000	56,700	55,600	105,800	103,500	100,300	453,500	444,500	434,100
Total Unemployment	4,400	4,000	5,100	6,600	5,900	6,500	29,400	26,200	25,400
Percent Unemployed	7.6	7.1	9.2	6.2	5.7	6.5	6.5	5.9	5.9
Total Employment 2/	53,600	52,700	50,500	99,200	97,600	93,800	424,100	418,300	408,700
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	165,500	162,900	162,200	85,400	83,800	81,100	97,700	95,200	95,200
Total Unemployment	18,400	17,100	20,500	7,500	6,900	8,500	14,200	12,600	13,700
Percent Unemployed	11.1	10.5	12.6	8.8	8.2	10.5	14.5	13.2	14.4
Total Employment 2/	147,100	145,800	141,700	77,900	76,900	72,600	83,500	82,600	81,500
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,200	60,200	61,200	168,800	165,700	166,700	1,481.2	1,455.1	1,431.1
Total Unemployment	3,000	2,800	3,700	17,500	16,300	20,800	91.7	84.9	83.5
Percent Unemployed	4.9	4.7	6.0	10.4	9.8	12.5	6.2	5.8	5.8
Total Employment 2/	58,200	57,400	57,500	151,300	149,400	145,900	1,389.5	1,370.2	1,347.6
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	243,000	238,400	228,800	706,500	694,000	665,100	109,000	108,200	106,400
Total Unemployment	25,700	23,700	24,800	46,100	42,000	43,500	10,900	10,500	11,700
Percent Unemployed	10.6	9.9	10.8	6.5	6.1	6.5	10.0	9.7	11.0
Total Employment 2/	217,300	214,700	204,000	660,400	652,000	621,600	98,100	97,700	94,700
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,651.0	1,621.8	1,614.2	96,900	94,900	90,300	47,200	45,400	45,000
Total Unemployment	131.6	123.0	166.1	7,600	7,100	6,900	6,800	5,800	7,600
Percent Unemployed	8.0	7.6	10.3	7.8	7.5	7.6	14.4	12.8	16.9
Total Employment 2/	1,519.4	1,498.8	1,448.1	89,300	87,800	83,400	40,400	39,600	37,400
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	81,500	80,200	80,300	117,000	114,700	112,300	158,300	151,700	148,500
Total Unemployment	7,800	7,300	9,000	6,600	6,200	7,000	28,900	25,400	30,100
Percent Unemployed	9.6	9.1	11.2	5.6	5.4	6.2	18.3	16.7	20.3
Total Employment 2/	73,700	72,900	71,300	110,400	108,500	105,300	129,400	126,300	118,400
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,600	51,500	52,000	58,000	57,000	59,000	47,600	46,800	46,000
Total Unemployment	3,900	3,600	5,800	4,500	4,500	9,500	2,800	2,600	3,200
Percent Unemployed	7.4	7.0	11.2	7.8	7.9	16.1	5.9	5.6	7.0
Total Employment 2/	48,700	47,900	46,200	53,500	52,500	49,500	44,800	44,200	42,800
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	628,700	615,100	595,200	52,000	50,900	49,300	59,500	58,600	57,300
Total Unemployment	48,900	45,000	45,900	3,800	3,500	3,900	4,600	4,400	4,600
Percent Unemployed	7.8	7.3	7.7	7.3	6.9	7.9	7.7	7.5	8.0
Total Employment 2/	579,800	570,100	549,300	48,200	47,400	45,400	54,900	54,200	52,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,200	76,600	77,000	39,200	38,500	38,500	98,200	96,100	93,500
Total Unemployment	6,400	5,800	6,900	3,000	2,900	3,800	8,200	7,200	7,400
Percent Unemployed	8.2	7.6	9.0	7.7	7.5	9.9	8.4	7.5	7.9
Total Employment 2/	71,800	70,800	70,100	36,200	35,600	34,700	90,000	88,900	86,100
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,600	58,400	57,200				8,568.8	8,409.4	8,276.1
Total Unemployment	4,100	3,900	4,600				673.5	618.2	731.3
Percent Unemployed	6.9	6.7	8.0				7.9	7.4	8.8
Total Employment 2/	55,500	54,500	52,600				7,895.3	7,791.2	7,544.8

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov.± 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986	Nov.± 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986	Nov.± 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 416.94	$ 415.38	$ 401.44	42.2	42.0	41.3	$ 9.88	$ 9.89	$ 9.72
Durable Goods	413.10	411.16	392.76	42.5	42.3	41.3	9.72	9.72	9.51
Lumber & Wood Products	291.62	287.41	272.74	41.6	41.0	39.7	7.01	7.01	6.87
Furniture & Fixtures	267.54	261.70	241.42	42.4	40.2	38.2	6.31	6.51	6.32
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	381.10	392.96	381.07	41.2	42.9	42.2	9.25	9.16	9.03
Primary Metal Industries	447.44	448.79	419.45	41.7	42.1	40.1	10.73	10.66	10.46
Fabricated Metal Products	375.84	378.90	364.01	41.9	42.1	40.9	8.97	9.00	8.90
Machinery, exc. Electric	424.72	423.42	409.18	42.6	42.3	41.0	9.97	10.01	9.98
Oil Field Machinery	486.17	486.76	459.73	43.1	43.0	39.7	11.28	11.32	11.58
Electric & Electronic Equip.	454.75	451.36	434.87	43.6	43.4	43.4	10.43	10.40	10.02
Transportation Equipment	565.29	547.75	526.87	44.9	43.3	42.8	12.59	12.65	12.31
Instruments & Related Prod.	365.03	360.53	333.20	41.2	40.6	39.2	8.86	8.88	8.50
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	274.82	282.29	265.47	39.6	40.5	39.8	6.94	6.97	6.67
Nondurable Goods	420.34	420.16	411.76	41.7	41.6	41.3	10.08	10.10	9.97
Food & Kindred Products	344.86	349.87	341.14	41.3	41.9	41.4	8.35	8.35	8.24
Meat Products	274.48	277.38	269.99	41.4	41.9	40.6	6.63	6.62	6.65
Malt Beverages	789.38	865.89	788.90	44.8	48.7	46.0	17.62	17.78	17.15
Textile Mill Products	328.84	312.45	314.05	45.8	44.7	44.8	7.18	6.99	7.01
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	202.13	200.54	187.72	37.5	37.0	36.1	5.39	5.42	5.20
Paper & Allied Products	470.65	465.25	452.12	43.7	43.4	43.1	10.77	10.72	10.49
Printing & Publishing	398.45	389.27	390.22	40.7	39.4	39.9	9.79	9.88	9.78
Chemicals & Allied Products	663.15	667.29	654.87	43.4	43.5	43.6	15.28	15.34	15.02
Petroleum & Coal Products	667.51	652.08	649.73	43.8	42.9	43.2	15.24	15.20	15.04
Petroleum Refining	690.46	673.38	678.08	43.7	42.7	43.3	15.80	15.77	15.66
Leather & Leather Products	233.92	227.55	211.23	40.4	39.3	38.9	5.79	5.79	5.43
Other Nondurable Goods	387.13	391.30	386.35	44.6	45.5	45.4	8.68	8.60	8.51
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	485.44	475.14	487.59	41.0	40.3	40.7	11.84	11.79	11.98
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	560.36	567.03	495.14	45.3	46.1	41.4	12.37	12.30	11.96
Oil & Gas Extraction	480.26	470.00	487.59	40.7	40.0	40.7	11.80	11.75	11.98
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	488.17	486.53	492.85	39.4	39.3	40.2	12.39	12.38	12.26
Elec., Gas & San. Services	467.71	450.54	420.03	40.6	39.8	39.0	11.52	11.32	10.77
Wholesale & Retail Trade	223.62	225.34	223.30	31.9	32.1	31.9	7.01	7.02	7.00
Wholesale Trade	391.24	386.32	380.03	39.4	39.3	39.3	9.93	9.83	9.67
Retail Trade	175.22	177.61	175.23	29.8	29.9	29.6	5.88	5.94	5.92
General Merchandise Stores	165.06	174.69	185.83	26.2	27.0	28.9	6.30	6.47	6.43
Banking	271.32	255.95	276.90	38.0	36.1	39.0	7.14	7.09	7.10

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 406.71	$ 408.50	$ 397.40	41.8	42.2	41.7	$ 9.73	$ 9.68	$ 9.53
Durable Goods	432.71	432.72	423.69	42.8	43.1	42.2	10.11	10.04	10.04
Nondurable Goods	363.81	364.91	355.01	40.2	40.5	40.9	9.05	9.01	8.68
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	420.68	411.45	408.93	41.9	40.9	41.6	10.04	10.06	9.83
Durable Goods	449.21	437.22	431.53	42.1	40.9	42.1	10.67	10.69	10.25
Nondurable Goods	348.16	347.68	349.80	41.3	41.0	40.3	8.43	8.48	8.68
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	487.93	491.24	480.63	43.8	43.9	43.3	11.14	11.19	11.10
Durable Goods	410.64	413.54	413.86	43.5	43.9	43.2	9.44	9.42	9.58
Nondurable Goods	572.42	577.29	557.26	44.1	43.9	43.4	12.98	13.15	12.84
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	305.96	299.10	307.44	40.1	39.2	42.0	7.63	7.63	7.32
Durable Goods	336.98	331.50	329.67	40.6	39.7	40.7	8.30	8.35	8.10
Nondurable Goods	275.92	267.33	285.55	39.7	38.8	43.2	6.95	6.89	6.61

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

All sectors of finance, insurance and real estate decreased over the month, for an overall loss of 1,000 jobs. The largest drop occurred in the real estate portion, which continues to suffer from the glut of both residential and office space and the depressed economy. Both increases and decreases in services were modest, leaving this group's total down only 100 in November. A gain of 600 in educational services was the largest advance, and the biggest decline was a loss of 400 jobs in business and repair services.

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Again this month, manufacturing recorded a sizeable increase, generating 2,300 jobs in durable goods and 1,700 positions in nondurable goods, for a total gain of 4,000. The only decline of any size occurred in lumber and wood products, which has been hurt by the downturn in construction. The largest growth in the durable goods sector was an increase of 700 in electric and electronic equipment. Nonelectrical machinery recorded 600 additional jobs, including a gain of 300 in oil field machinery; and employers in primary metal industries added 500 positions in November.

Within nondurable goods, the most significant increase occurred in printing and publishing, which increased by 800 due in part to a seasonal recall of workers involved in the printing of yearbooks. Seasonal factors also pushed employment up in apparel and other finished textile products, where 700 jobs were created. A moderate decline of 300 in food and kindred products was the largest drop in nondurable goods in November.

HOURS AND TOTAL WEEKLY EARNINGS RISE

In November, there were an estimated 633,800 manufacturing production workers in Texas, up 3,700 from the October estimate. The average production worker in November was working a 42.2-hour week at $9.88 per hour, for a weekly income of $416.94. Average hourly earnings decreased by $.01 over the month while average weekly hours increased by 0.2 hour, resulting in an increase in average weekly earnings of $1.56. Comparisons to a year ago reflect a much greater rise in earnings, boosted by a 2% advance in the number of hours worked. Relative to November 1986, average weekly hours were up by 0.9 hour from 41.3 hours, with average hourly earnings and average weekly earnings showing gains of $.16 from $9.72 and $15.50 from $401.44, respectively.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1987	Nov. 1986
Total Population	16,890,000	16,734,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.9	2.7
UI Covered Employers	313,572	314,783
Total Claims Actions	514,893	743,127
Total Initial Claims Actions	64,970	78,162
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	449,923	664,965
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$152.98	$156.15
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$58,604,436	$87,356,875
Total Placements	26,030	21,295

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.